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receiving a request from a traveler for obtaining at least one item at the traveler's destination location;

selecting by the traveler a delivery location, which is associated with the destination location, to which the at least one item will be delivered;

arranging for the at least one item to be supplied;

arranging for the at least one supplied item to be delivered to the selected delivery location;

for each item, transacting with a selected supplier to supply the item;

for each item, transacting with a selected shipper to ship the item; and

transacting with the traveler based on results of the transactions transacted with each selected supplier and each selected shipper.

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4. (Twice Amended) A method for providing a service for a traveler to acquire items at the traveler's destination comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from a traveler for obtaining at least one item at the traveler's destination location;

selecting by the traveler a delivery location, which is associated with the destination location, to which the at least one item will be delivered;

accessing at least one supplier of the requested item, each supplier having a location and having at least one item available with availability of the item and the location of the supplier relative to the selected delivery location;

arranging for the selected supplier to supply the item;

accessing at least one shipper, each shipper designating at least one possible source location from where to ship an item and at least one possible target destination for where to ship an item;

selecting a shipper that designates the location of the selected supplier supplying the item as the possible source location and the selected delivery location as the possible target destination;

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arranging for the selected shipper to ship the item from the supplier to the selected delivery location;

for each item, transacting with the selected supplier to supply the item;

for each item, transacting with the selected shipper to ship the item; and

transacting with the traveler based on results of the transaction transacted with each selected supplier and each selected shipper.

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20. (Twice Amended) A method for providing a service for a traveler to acquire at least one item at the traveler's destination comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from a traveler for obtaining at least one item at the traveler's destination location;

selecting by the traveler a delivery location, which is associated with the destination location, to where the at least one item will be delivered;

providing the traveler with an option to one of rent and purchase the at least one item;

arranging for the at least one item to be supplied;

arranging for delivery of the at least one item to the selected delivery location;

for each item, transacting with a selected supplier to supply the item;

for each item, transacting with a selected shipper to ship the item; and

transacting with the traveler based on results of the transactions transacted with each selected supplier and each selected shipper.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In this application, Claims 1-22 and 25 are pending. In the Office Action dated July 16, 2002, Claims 1, 2, 9-10, 20-22 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a/b) as